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In re Application of

Tomohiro TSUJI et al.

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For: Method for Classifying and Counting Nucleated
Bone Marrow Cells

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of classifying and counting leukocytic cells and erythroid cells in

B, a bone marrow fluid comprising leukocytic cells and erythroid cells and lipid particles, comprising the steps of:

(1) (a) mixing a sample of the bone marrow fluid with an erythrocyte lysing agent to lyse erythrocytes in the sample, thereby rendering leukocytic cells, erythroid cells and lipid particles in the sample suitable for staining, and